AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following is a complete listing of the claims, which replaces all previous versions and listings of the claims.

1. (currently amended) A method of remote control for a networked device, comprising the acts of:

receiving a request for a session with the networked device from a remote interface, wherein the networked device comprises a server;

redirecting the request from the networked device to a directory server, the directory server comprising user logins and different access rights for a plurality of authorized users;

providing a plurality of device control features for the networked device in the directory server, wherein the plurality of device control features include a first feature for configuring parameters of the networked device directly from the directory server and a second feature for executing a control task at the networked device directly from the directory server; and

controlling access to the device control feature through the directory server based on the user logins and different access rights for the plurality of authorized users.

2. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, comprising the act of transmitting a command based on one or more of the plurality of device control features to the networked device via the directory server.

3. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the directory server comprises a hierarchical directory structure based on organizational groups of the plurality of authorized users.

4. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, comprising the act of remotely configuring the networked device via the directory server.

5. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, comprising the act of remotely controlling a management module disposed on the networked device via the directory server.

6. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the act of controlling access to the device control feature comprises the act of associating authorized user groups of the plurality of authorized users to the networked device.

7. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, comprising the act of providing an interface for the plurality of authorized users to interact with the directory server.

8. (original) The method of claim 1, comprising the act of notifying the networked device of a control task generated by the device control feature.

9. (original) The method of claim 1, comprising the act of providing an interface for the networked device to retrieve a control task generated by the device control feature.

10. (currently amended) A method, comprising the acts of:

facilitating interaction between a remote client and a managed server of a plurality of networked devices via a directory server, wherein the directory server comprises user logins and access rights to the managed server for a plurality of authorized users, wherein the access rights are different for each of the plurality of authorized users;

providing server controls for the managed server in the directory server;

controlling access to the server controls based on the user logins and access rights; and

transmitting directly from the directory server to the managed server a control task generated by the remote client using one of the server controls for execution by the managed server.

11. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein the act of facilitating interaction comprises the act of providing a hierarchical directory structure based on groups of the plurality of authorized users, each of the groups having at least one of the plurality of networked devices.

12. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, comprising the act of remotely configuring the managed server via the directory server.

13. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, server comprising the act of remotely controlling a management module disposed on the managed server via the directory server.

14. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the act of controlling access to the server controls comprises the act of associating authorized user groups of the plurality of authorized users to each of the networked devices.

15. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the act of transmitting the control task comprises the act of notifying the managed server of the control task.

16. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the act of transmitting the control task comprises the act of responding to a task request from the managed server.

17. (currently amended) A system of remote control for a plurality of networked devices, comprising:

a directory server, comprising:

a user database comprising user login data for each of a plurality of authorized users;

a resource database comprising identification data for the plurality of networked devices;

a resource access control database comprising access rights to the networked devices for each of the plurality of authorized users, wherein the access rights comprise a first right for a first user to setup a control task and a second right for a second user to modify the control task;

a device management system for the plurality of networked devices, the device management system adapted to configure and control the plurality of networked devices directly from the directory server;

a directory structure for the resource database; and

an interface for the directory structure adapted to facilitate interaction between the directory server, a remote console, and the plurality of networked devices.

18. (original) The system of claim 17, wherein the access rights of the resource access control database comprise device rights and restrictions to manage each of the plurality of networked devices with the device management system.

19. (original) The system of claim 17, wherein the directory structure comprises a plurality of organizational groups associated with at least one of the plurality of networked devices.

20. (original) The system of claim 17, wherein the device management system comprises a plurality of control functions for each of the plurality of networked devices.

21. (currently amended) A method of remotely controlling a networked device, comprising:

receiving user login data at a directory server from a remote interface;

granting a right to control a task for a remote networked device based on a user role for the user login data; and

transmitting data for the task to the remote networked device <u>directly</u> from the directory server <u>to the remote networked device</u> for implementation by the remote networked device.

22. (previously presented) The method of claim 21, comprising receiving the user login data at the remote networked device and redirecting the user login data from the remote networked device to the directory server.

23. (previously presented) The method of claim 21, wherein granting the right to control the task comprises enabling setup of the task.

24. (previously presented) The method of claim 21, wherein granting the right to control the task comprises enabling modification of the task.

25. (previously presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the task comprises installing software.

26. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the server comprises a headless server.

27. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the managed server comprises a headless server.

28. (previously presented) The system of claim 17, wherein one or more of the plurality of networked devices includes a managed server.

29. (previously presented) The system of claim 17, wherein one or more of the plurality of networked devices includes a headless server.